

For Six Month Period Ending 5/31/08
(insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No. 5342
Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in the USA
(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1140 19th Street, NW, Ste 600
Washington, DC 20036

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:
(1) Residence address(es) Yes No
(2) Citizenship Yes No
(3) Occupation Yes No

N/A

(b) If an organization:
(1) Name Yes No
(2) Ownership or control Yes No
(3) Branch offices Yes No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C', state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

N/A

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position Date connection ended

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Residence address Citizenship Position Date assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position or connection Date terminated

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Residence address Citizenship Position Date assumed

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

The Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (NKR)

10. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A³ Yes No *N/A*
Exhibit B⁴ Yes No *N/A*

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

N/A

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

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see attached

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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see attached

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes [X] No []

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
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103,521.25
Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes [X] No []

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes [X] No []

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date 6/27/08

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes [] No [X]

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
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see attached

104,718.77
Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials¹²?
Yes No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) *Foreign Embassies, NGOs*

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

6/27/08

Vardan Barseghian

VARDAN BARSEGHYAN

Representative of the Nagorno

Karabakh Republic in the U.S.

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.



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National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL
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SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in the USA

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Barseghyan	Vardan	11/12/1999		

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SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
<i>N/A</i>		

Signature: *Varden Barsaglan* Date: *6/27/08*
Title: *NKR Representative to U.S.*

Question 11:

During this 6-month period, have you engaged in any activity for or rendered any service to any foreign principal named in items 7,8 and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Activities on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

Contacts

Date: 12/20/08
Contact: Members of U.S. Congress, Administration, etc (see list #1 attached)
Purpose: Forward NKR Foreign Minister's Christmas congratulations
Contact manner: letter

Date: 1/6/08
Contact: Members of U.S. Congress, Administration, etc (see list #2 attached)
Purpose: Forward NKR President's Christmas card
Contact manner: card

Date: 2/5/08
Contact: Editor of the Financial Times
Purpose: Response to an article on Nagorno Karabakh
Contact manner: letter/email

Date: 2/5/08
Contact: Michael Carpenter, US State Department
Purpose: to discuss regional developments, NK peace process
Contact manner: lunch meeting

Date: 4/17/08
Contact: US Rep. Michael McNulty
Purpose: forward NKR Parliament Speaker's letter
Contact manner: letter

Newsletter

Date: 3/31/08, 5/1/08, 6/9/08
Subject: Developments in NKR and related to NKR
Availability: direct email

Press-releases

Date: 2/20/08
Subject: Karabakh Celebrates Liberation Movement Anniversary
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 3/6/08
Subject: Azerbaijan Attacks Karabakh Positions, Ignores OSCE Mediation
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution, fax

Date: 4/30/08
Subject: Artsakh's Envoy Calls for Armenian Genocide Recognition
Availability: electronic distribution

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Interviews, Articles

Date: 12/20/08
Media/Group: Armenian Reporter
Subject: Nagorno Karabakh peace process, Artsakh-Diaspora cooperation

Registrant's attendance at conferences and public forums generally dealing with Nagorno Karabakh and surrounding region

Date: 4/23/08
Location: Capitol Hill
Speaker: Participants of the Armenian Genocide 93rd Anniversary Event, including NKR Representative in the United States Vardan Barseghian

Dissemination of other informational material

Date: 2/12-20/08
Contact: Members of U.S. Congress (see list #3 attached)
Purpose: Fact Sheet: Events in Khojaly & near Agdam on 2/25-27/1992
Contact manner: letter/fax

Question 12:

During this 6-month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity as defined below? Yes

Political activities on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

Contacts

Date: 12/20/08
Contact: Members of U.S. Congress, Administration, etc (see list #1 attached)
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Purpose: Fact Sheet: Events in Khojaly & near Agdam on 2/25-27/1992
Contact manner: letter/fax

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Question 14 (a):

During this 6 month period, have you received from any foreign principal named in items 7,8 and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interest of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.

The amount listed below is the total of such financial support and contributions to the NKR Office from all sources for the reporting period of 12/1/2007 - 5/31/2008.

Date	Name (first)	Name (last)	address line 1	line 2	city	state	zip	amount
12'07-5'08	Armenian Assembly of America		1140 19th Street, NW, Ste 600		Washington	DC	20036	\$19,261.25
12'07-5'08	Donations (details in Exhibit D, filed with this report)							\$18,590.00
12'07-5'08	NKR Government		Stepanakert, NKR, Armenia					\$60,670.00
05/21/08	Armenian Missionary Association of America					NJ		\$5,000.00
TOTAL								\$103,521.25

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Question 15 (a):

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal of such monies, including transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Foreign Principal: The Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

The following is a breakdown of those expenses incurred by the NKR Office in the USA during the reporting period.

NN	Purpose	Amount
1	Entertainment/meals: No U.S. officials or media representatives were guests	\$427.24
2	Fundraising: for NKR Office operations	\$0.00
3	Health Insurance	\$10,545.68
4	Living expenses	\$44,200.00
5	Office Rent	\$9,133.44
6	Office Supplies	\$2,877.48
7	Parking	\$735.00
8	Postage/Courier	\$242.80
9	Registration/Subscription	\$214.06
10	Rent Housing Expats	\$22,743.88
11	Social/Residence/Miscellaneous	\$3,692.24
12	Telephone	\$3,640.95
13	Travel International: No U.S. officials or media representatives were quests	\$3,797.15
14	Travel Domestic: No U.S. officials or media representatives were quests	\$2,448.90
15	Website/Email	\$19.95
	Total operating expenses and other disbursements:	\$104,718.77

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List # 1: NKR Foreign Minister's Christmas Card recipients

No.	Name	Affiliation
1	Dr. Condoleezza Rice	U.S. Department of State
2	Mr. Matthew Bryza	U.S. Department of State
3	The Honorable Nancy Pelosi	U.S. House of Representatives
4	The Honorable Frank Pallone	U.S. House of Representatives
5	The Honorable Joe Knollenberg	U.S. House of Representatives
6	The Honorable Mitch McConnell	U.S. Senate
7	The Honorable Harry Reid	U.S. Senate
8	The Honorable Joseph R. Biden	U.S. Senate
9	The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy	U.S. Senate
10	The Honorable Carl Levin	U.S. Senate
11	The Honorable Richard G. Lugar	U.S. Senate

List # 2: NKR President's Christmas Card recipients

No.	Name	Affiliation	City, State, Zip
U.S. Administration			
1	His Excellency George W. Bush	The White House	Washington, DC 20500
2	His Excellency Richard Cheney	The White House	Washington, DC 20500
3	Dr. Condoleezza Rice	U.S. Department of State	Washington, DC 20520
4	Mr. Robert Gates	U.S. Department of Defense	Washington, DC 20301-1000
5	Mr. Stephen Hadley	U.S. National Security Council	Washington, DC 20500
6	Mr. Matthew Bryza	U.S. Department of State	Washington, DC 20520
7	Ms. Henrietta H. Fore	United States Agency for International Development	Washington, D.C. 20523
U.S. Congress			
8	The Honorable Mitch McConnell	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
9	The Honorable Harry Reid	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
10	The Honorable Jack Reed	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
11	The Honorable Edward Kennedy	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
12	The Honorable Chuck Hagel	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
13	The Honorable Sam Brownback	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
14	The Honorable Barbara Boxer	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
15	The Honorable Dianne Feinstein	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
16	The Honorable Joseph R. Biden	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
17	The Honorable Norm Coleman	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
18	The Honorable Richard J. Durbin	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
19	The Honorable John Inhofe	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
20	The Honorable John F. Kerry	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
21	The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
22	The Honorable Carl Levin	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
23	The Honorable Trent Lott	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
24	The Honorable Robert Menendez	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
25	The Honorable Charles E. Schumer	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
26	The Honorable Paul Sarbanes	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
27	The Honorable Richard G. Lugar	United States Senate	Washington, DC 20510
28	The Honorable Nancy Pelosi	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
29	The Honorable David Dreier	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
30	The Honorable Steny Hoyer	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
31	The Honorable Roy Blunt	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
32	The Honorable Frank Pallone	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
33	The Honorable Joe Knollenberg	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
34	The Honorable Lloyd Doggett	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
35	The Honorable George Radanovich	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
36	The Honorable Devin Nunes	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
37	The Honorable Barney Frank	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
38	The Honorable Maurice Hinchey	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
39	The Honorable Adam Schiff	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
40	The Honorable John Boehner	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
41	The Honorable James Clyburn	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
42	The Honorable Joseph Crowley	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
43	The Honorable Rahm Emanuel	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
44	The Honorable Thaddeus McCotter	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
45	The Honorable Brad Sherman	United States House of Representatives	Washington, DC 20515
International Organizations in US			
46	His Excellency Ban Ki-moon	The United Nations	New York, NY 10017
State Legislations/Officials & Prominent Armenians			
47	The Honorable Peter Koutoujian	Mass. House of Representatives	Boston, MA 02133
48	The Honorable Fabian Núñez	California State Assembly	Sacramento, CA 94249
49	Sheriff Lee Baca	Los Angeles County	
50	Ambassador Edward Djerejian	James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy	Houston, Texas 77005-1892
51	Dr. Vartan Gregorian	Carnegie Corporation of New York	New York, NY 10022

List # 3

Members of Congress who received

Events in Khojaly (NKR) and near Agdam (Azerbaijan) on February 25-27, 1992

Title	First_Name
U.S. Represenatative	Aderholt, Robert B.
U.S. Represenatative	Akin, W. Todd
U.S. Represenatative	Alexander, Rodney
U.S. Represenatative	Barrett, J. Gresham
U.S. Represenatative	Bartlett, Roscoe G.
U.S. Represenatative	Barton, Joe
U.S. Represenatative	Berman, Howard L.
U.S. Represenatative	Boozman, John
U.S. Represenatative	Boustany, Charles W. Jr.
U.S. Represenatative	Brown, Corrine
U.S. Represenatative	Brown, Henry E. Jr.
U.S. Represenatative	Burton, Dan
U.S. Represenatative	Butterfield, G. K.
U.S. Represenatative	Capito, Shelley Moore
U.S. Represenatative	Chabot, Steve
U.S. Represenatative	Chandler, Ben
U.S. Represenatative	Coble, Howard
U.S. Represenatative	Cohen, Steve
U.S. Represenatative	Cole, Tom
U.S. Represenatative	Conaway, K. Michael
U.S. Represenatative	Cramer, Robert E. (Bud) Jr.
U.S. Represenatative	Cuellar, Henry
U.S. Represenatative	Davis, Geoff
U.S. Represenatative	Davis, Lincoln
U.S. Represenatative	Dicks, Norman D.
U.S. Represenatative	Doggett, Lloyd
U.S. Represenatative	English, Phil
U.S. Represenatative	Faleomavaega, Eni F. H.
U.S. Represenatative	Foxx, Virginia
U.S. Represenatative	Granger, Kay
U.S. Represenatative	Hastings, Alcee L.
U.S. Represenatative	Hensarling, Jeb
U.S. Represenatative	Holt, Rush D.
U.S. Represenatative	Issa, Darrell E.
U.S. Represenatative	Jackson, Jesse L. Jr.
U.S. Represenatative	Jefferson, William J.
U.S. Represenatative	Johnson, Eddie Bernice
U.S. Represenatative	Johnson, Timothy V.
U.S. Represenatative	Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.
U.S. Represenatative	King, Peter T.
U.S. Represenatative	Kuhl, John R. "Randy" Jr.
U.S. Represenatative	Larsen, Rick

Title	First_Name
U.S. Represenatative	Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch
U.S. Represenatative	Ryan, Tim
U.S. Represenatative	Scott, David
U.S. Represenatative	Sessions, Pete
U.S. Represenatative	Shays, Christopher
U.S. Represenatative	Shuster, Bill
U.S. Represenatative	Simpson, Michael K.
U.S. Represenatative	Skelton, Ike
U.S. Represenatative	Smith, Adam
U.S. Represenatative	Stearns, Cliff
U.S. Represenatative	Tancredo, Thomas G.
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From: NKR Representative to U.S. [mailto:v.barseghian@nkrusa.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 05, 2008 3:17 PM

To: 'letters.editor@ft.com'

Subject: Re: Nagorno Karabakh: 'Frozen conflict' is a pressing challenge', FT, 1/24/08

Dear Editor,

FT's January 24 article on Nagorno Karabakh ('Nagorno Karabakh: 'Frozen conflict' is a pressing challenge' by Isabel Gorst and Leyla Boulton) brought due attention to this protracted conflict, but also contained serious factual errors. To facilitate understanding of the situation and therefore the search for a long-lasting peace formula, it is important to set the record straight.

First, this conflict is not between Azerbaijan and Armenia, as Azerbaijan would like to portray it. In 1991, the newly-independent Azerbaijan attacked towns and villages in Nagorno Karabakh, not Armenia. Importantly, this is not a territorial dispute. At the heart of the issues is the desire of the people of Nagorno Karabakh to decide their own future, aiming to correct Stalin's wrong decision.

Second, Armenia does not occupy Nagorno Karabakh. Instead the area is fully controlled by the people of Nagorno Karabakh, who gave the privilege to administer it to the democratically elected government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (NKR/Artsakh).

Third, the consequences of this conflict – military and civilian casualties, lost territories, refugees, and continued distrust - are the direct results of Azerbaijan's military aggression, for which Azerbaijan should bear full responsibility. For the record, according to Azerbaijan's own voter lists, the number of internally displaced people in Azerbaijan is about 500,000 (still a big number, but only a half of the exaggerated '1 million' used by Azeri officials).

We don't want to be part of Azerbaijan's 'success' (read oil wealth), as Araz Azimov suggests with a disguised luring tactics, because Nagorno Karabakh is a success story in its own right. Having defended itself, in the face of overwhelming odds, against Azerbaijani military attack, NKR emerged as a free, democratic state with an active civil society and a booming market economy. Since declaration of independence in 1991, NKR proved to be a reliable partner of the international community in addressing humanitarian needs and working towards fair and lasting resolution of the conflict with Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan should abandon its "oil-pipe" dreams of regaining Nagorno Karabakh either by military force, international lobbying or "economic carrots". Instead, it should soberly assess the consequences of its failed military adventure of 1991-1994, quit bellicose rhetoric, agree to confidence building measures long-advocated by Armenia, Nagorno Karabakh and the international community, and, most importantly, respect the democratic desire of the people of Nagorno Karabakh to live in freedom under the government of their own choosing.

As for the international community, it needs to take a fresh look at Nagorno Karabakh and see what remarkable achievements have been made by a people who continue to firmly believe in the power of freedom and democracy.

Sincerely,

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April 14, 2008

Hon. Michael R. McNulty
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC, USA

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Dear Congressman McNulty,

Thank you for your floor statement honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Nagorno Karabakh National Liberation Movement.

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support of our friends in the U.S. Congress to Artsakh's freedom, independence, democratic and economic development. Your political support carries a greater significance in view of Azerbaijan's failure to engage in a constructive dialogue with us to bring about stability, peace and economic prosperity to the region. Instead, Azerbaijan's continues to threaten Nagorno Karabakh with a new war.

In February of 1988, when the Liberation Movement begun, the people of Nagorno Karabakh embarked on a journey which brought us to the realization of our dream – to be masters of our own destiny. We are determined to continue on the same path to provide for a secure, free, democratic and prosperous country for current and future generations.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with you and other congressional friends of Armenia and Artsakh as we strive to achieve our shared goal of peace, democracy and prosperity for the South Caucasus and the rest of the world.

We also hope to welcome you to Artsakh one day soon.

Sincerely,

Ashot GHOULIAN



Karabakh Celebrates Liberation Movement Anniversary

Reaffirms Commitment to Freedom and Democracy

PRESS RELEASE

February 20, 2008

WASHINGTON, DC – Today marks the 20th anniversary of the Nagorno Karabakh Liberation Movement. On February 20, 1988, reflecting the expressed will of electorate, Karabakh's local legislature petitioned legislative bodies of Azerbaijan and Armenia to peacefully transfer the region from Soviet Azerbaijan to Soviet Armenia, aiming to correct Stalin's wrong decision of 1921.

"February 1988 – is a turning point, which separated our past from our present and marked the beginning to our future," stated NKR Parliament Speaker Ashot Ghulian at a special meeting today. "Celebrating this day as a national holiday, we reiterate adherence to our vision, to the principles of freedom and democracy. Today we confirm our commitment to continue on this path until the final victory," he said.

Karabakh's aspirations were fiercely opposed by the central Soviet authorities, which tried to suppress the first truly democratic movement on its territory. Moscow deployed Soviet troops along with Azerbaijani militia to instill fear and to crackdown. State-supported Azeri mobs attacked and killed hundreds of ethnic Armenians in towns and villages throughout Azerbaijan, including in Baku, Sumgait and Kirovabad (Ganje).

As the Soviet Union collapsed, the newly-independent Azerbaijan intensified its brutal attacks. In addition to pogroms, Azerbaijan launched a full-scale military aggression against the people of Karabakh, attacking towns and villages, killing thousands, dislocating many more and destroying vital infrastructure of the region.

Karabakh appealed to the world community to help stop the Azerbaijani aggression. While various institutions, including U.S. Congress, offered protests, no international intervention followed to stop the attempted genocide.

Left one-on-one with a fierce enemy that was seeking physical annihilation of the entire Armenian population, the population of Karabakh exhibited outstanding bravery and devotion to withstand the attacks, prevail in the war and pressure Azerbaijan into a ceasefire, which has held since 1994.

The people of Karabakh then proceeded to rebuild their lives and their country, establishing a firm foundation for continued security and economic development.

Today, Karabakh's friends around the world expressed their continued solidarity with the Republic. On behalf of the 159 members of the US Congress' Armenian Caucus, Co-chairs Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) and Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) sent a letter to the NKR President Bako Sahakian.



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Recognition and Thanks

"We write to offer our congratulations as Nagorno Karabakh marks the 20th anniversary of the democracy movement that gave birth to the hard won freedom that the people and government of your proud Republic enjoy to this day," the letter said.

"The United States stood with the people of Nagorno Karabakh as they strived to free themselves from the Soviet empire of enslaved nations. We were united during those years, as we are today, by the powerful idea that free citizens deserve to live under a government of their own choosing, not one imposed upon them by a foreign power."

The NKR Permanent Representative to the United States Vardan Barseghian thanked congressional friends of Artsakh for their steadfast support. "We look forward to our continued cooperation to solidify Karabakh's achievements," said Barseghian.

The Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, today is a viable state with democratically elected government, rule of law, fledgling civil society, and a booming market economy.

As a factor contributing to the balance of power in South Caucasus, Artsakh plays an important role in ensuring regional stability. Through an independent foreign policy, Artsakh continues to engage constructively with the international community to advance shared goals of peace, democracy and economic development.

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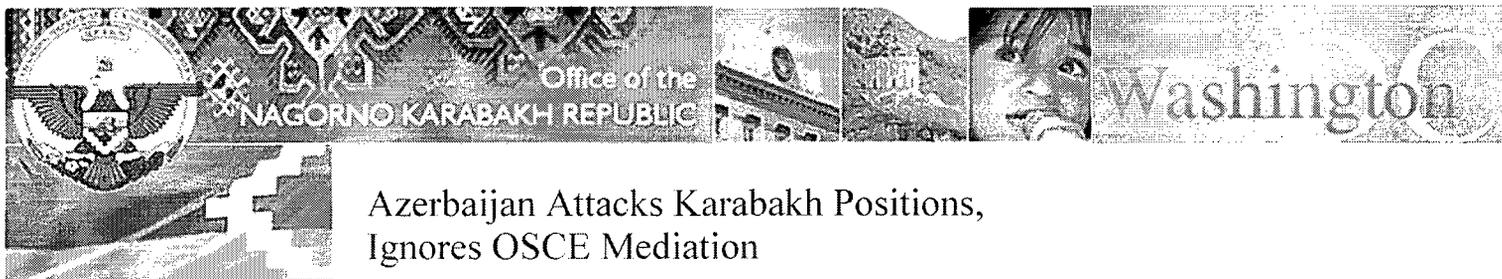
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Azerbaijan Attacks Karabakh Positions, Ignores OSCE Mediation

NKR Defense Army Restore Status-Quo

PRESS RELEASE

March 7, 2008

WASHINGTON, DC – On March 4, 2008 an Azerbaijani military unit attacked defense positions of Nagorno Karabakh, wounding two Karabakh officers and seizing two military posts near Levonarkh located in the northern part of the Line of Contact. After fruitless attempts to reinstate the status-quo through OSCE mediation, the NKR Defense Army launched a counter-offensive and restored its defense positions causing casualties to the adversary.

This blatant violation of the 1994 Ceasefire Agreement by Azerbaijan follows President Ilham Aliyev's recent statement that his country had been buying military hardware, airplanes and ammunition and was prepared to attack Nagorno Karabakh again.

NKR Government informed the OSCE representative in the region about the Azeri attack and asked the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-office to urge Baku to stop the offensive and retire to previous positions. However, Azerbaijan's refusal to cooperate left no option for the NKR defense forces other than to respond in kind, reclaiming the two military posts after a brief but intensive firefight.

NKR Ministry of Foreign Affairs called for a crisis-monitoring of the area to fully investigate the incident. However, the mission, which was planned for today, had to be postponed due to Baku's refusal to ensure the security of the OSCE personnel.

NKR military intelligence points to increased concentration of Azerbaijani military hardware and personnel close to Levonarkh.

"We urge, once again, the Azeri leadership to refrain from attempts to violate the armistice and also warn that any intrusion by the Azeri military units will receive an adequate response of the NKR Defense Army," said today's statement of the NKR Foreign Ministry.

The OSCE Minsk Group Co-chairs issued a statement today (www.osce.org/item/30094.html), in which they called on the conflicting sides to restore confidence along the Line of Contact and desist from any further confrontations, escalation of violence or warmongering rhetoric.

"The Co-Chairs reiterate that there is no military solution to the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The outbreak of hostilities would destabilize the entire region, with calamitous consequences for all involved", the statement said in part.

In the last several years Azerbaijan has used its vast oil revenues to build up its offensive capabilities aimed against Nagorno Karabakh, threatening the latter with another war.

Azerbaijan's destructive behavior jeopardizes OSCE mediation efforts and also goes against the U.S. goal of fostering peace and stability in the South Caucasus.

The Nagorno Karabakh Republic remains fully committed to the peaceful resolution of the conflict with Azerbaijan and also ready to resume full-fledged negotiations without any preconditions. NKR welcomes continued mediation efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group, co-chaired by the United States, Russia and France.

We also call on the United States and the international community to hold Azerbaijan accountable for the recent violation of the truce and to help prevent further escalation of tensions in the region.

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PRESS RELEASE
April 30, 2008

ARTSAKH'S ENVOY CALLS FOR ARMENIAN GENOCIDE RECOGNITION
Urges Greater U.S. Political and Economic Support to Artsakh

Washington, DC – NKR Representative to the United States Vardan Barseghian spoke at the annual Armenian Genocide Observance on Capitol Hill that also featured U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and other members of Congress.

The event was organized by the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, co-chaired by Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ) and Joe Knollenberg (R-MI), in cooperation with the Armenian Embassy in Washington and leading Armenian-American organizations. Armenian Ambassador Tatoul Markarian, Prelate Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Archbishop Vicken Aykazian, and Dr. Gregory Stanton, President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars also spoke to the audience that included Armenian Genocide survivors, human rights activists, and members of the Armenian community.

In his remarks, Representative Barseghian called upon the United States to recognize the Armenian Genocide saying that it would “send a powerful warning signal to those who plan new ethnic cleansing campaigns that the truth will prevail, that criminal actions will be named for what they are and that the perpetrators will be condemned and will bear responsibility.”

Tying past crimes against humanity to today’s situation, Barseghian said that the Nagorno Karabakh problem is a direct result of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923.

“Weakened by mass killings, deportations and widespread devastation inflicted by the Ottoman Turks, Armenia was not able to hold on to its historic province of Artsakh and eventually gave in to the Soviet pressure to include it within administrative borders of Soviet Azerbaijan. And the consequences of the Armenian Genocide, including that particular decision by the Bolsheviks, continue affecting our lives today, over 90 years later”, the Artsakh representative said.

Stressing that the risk of genocide still exists, Barseghian said that “Azerbaijan continues to threaten Nagorno Karabakh with a new war because we insist on our right to live in freedom.”

“Nagorno Karabakh will continue reinforcing its defense capabilities to be up to the task, but we would like to see our friends on Capitol Hill and those who want to see a stable and peaceful South Caucasus to send a clear signal to Azerbaijan that a new war would not be tolerated,” he said.

On behalf of the NKR Government, Barseghian thanked Representatives Pallone and Knollenberg and other congressional leaders for their steadfast support on issues related to Artsakh's security, freedom, and economic development. He urged greater U.S. political and economic support.

“We hope that the U.S. Congress will continue its leading role in charting a new format for relations with Nagorno Karabakh that looks beyond conflict resolution to collaboration on issues of security, democracy and economic development.”

Concluding his remarks said Barseghian said that leaders on Capitol Hill acknowledge that in “parallel to our common efforts to make this world genocide-free, we also need to deal with consequences of past crimes and to support those who still struggle for freedom and justice.”

The full text of Rep. Barseghian's remarks is provided below. You can also view it online at:
http://nkrusa.org/nk_conflict/speeches.php?id=7

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Armenian Genocide Observance on Capitol Hill

Remarks by the NKR Representative to the United States Vardan Barseghian
April 23, 2008

Ambassador Markarian,
Honorable Members of Congress,
Your Eminence,
Dear friends,

I would like to start by thanking the co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, Representatives Frank Pallone and Joe Knollenberg, for organizing this event in collaboration with the Armenian Embassy and all major Armenian-American organizations.

Both co-chairs deserve a special credit for their outstanding leadership on issues that are important to the Armenian-American community, to the United States, Armenia and Artsakh. We highly value the support of our many congressional friends on issues related to Artsakh's security, freedom, and economic development. Thank you!

It is a great privilege to join you today, on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, as we honor the sacred memory of innocent victims of the Armenian Genocide. For all those gathered here and for all those who spoke and will speak today, it is a solemn duty to be here, to remember, reflect and seek justice, speaking on behalf of those who were silenced by their cold-blooded killers in 1915-1923 throughout historic Armenia, including its eastern-most province of Artsakh.

Tomorrow, tens of thousands will lay flowers at the Genocide Memorial in Artsakh. They will remember the victims of the Armenian Genocide, among which are over 20,000 Armenians brutally killed in Shushi, Nagorno Karabakh, in March of 1920. They will also vow, once again, not to allow the repeat of those horrible events.

Some, who are less familiar with our part of the world and whom we try to educate about the urgency of recognizing the crimes of the past, would say that we should not be concerned about a new genocide. Some are prepared to argue that the modern-day Turkey is not a threat to Armenia and Artsakh. But only 15 years ago, Turkey supported Azerbaijan as the latter waged a war trying to kill or expel the entire Armenian population of Nagorno Karabakh.

Unfortunately the threat of genocide is an ever present one. Azerbaijan continues to threaten Nagorno Karabakh with a new war because we insist on our right to live in freedom. Last month, Azerbaijan went beyond verbal threats and breached the cease-fire regime by attacking our defense positions along the Line of Contact. When Azerbaijan refused the OSCE mediation to withdraw, Karabakh's Army responded in kind, recovering the defense post and inflicting losses to the enemy. The threat of a new war by Azerbaijan, whose army is trained by Turkish instructors, remains real.

Nagorno Karabakh will continue reinforcing its defense capabilities to be up to the task, but we would like to see our friends on Capitol Hill and those who want to see a stable and peaceful South Caucasus to send a clear signal to Azerbaijan that a new war would not be tolerated. In this regard we support the proposed elimination of U.S. military assistance to Azerbaijan until the latter ceases all hostile actions, including threats to use force, against Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

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U.S. economic assistance continues to play a critical role in rebuilding Karabakh's economy. To build on success of these programs, we ask that the U.S. Congress continue allocating funds for humanitarian and development programs to ensure that all parts of the South Caucasus have an opportunity for economic and political progress.

The Nagorno Karabakh Republic is a functioning democracy. It effectively controls its territory and enjoys the trust of its citizens. NKR conducts an independent foreign policy and has the capacity to build and maintain international contacts with governments and intergovernmental organizations.

It is time for the United States and the rest of the international community to embrace this new democracy by expanding dialogue on all levels, including on government-to-government level. We hope the U.S. Congress will continue its leading role in charting a new format for relations with Nagorno Karabakh that looks beyond conflict resolution to collaboration on issues of security, democracy and economic development.

One might ask: How are these issues related to the Armenian Genocide recognition? They are related for one simple reason -- the existence of the Nagorno Karabakh problem today is the direct result of the 1915-1923 Armenian Genocide. Weakened by mass killings, deportations and widespread devastation inflicted by the Ottoman Turks, Armenia was not able to hold on to its historic province of Artsakh and eventually gave in to the Soviet pressure to include it within administrative borders of Azerbaijan. That was in 1921.

But, the consequences of the Armenian Genocide, including that particular decision by the Soviets, continue affecting our lives today, over 90 years later.

Therefore, by supporting Nagorno Karabakh economically and politically our friends on Capitol Hill indirectly also acknowledge that in parallel to our common efforts to make this world genocide-free, we also need to deal with consequences of past crimes and to support those who still struggle for freedom and justice.

Those who recognize the need to speak about Armenian Genocide, other crimes against humanity, genocides in the making, ordinary citizens and their elected representatives, help the cause of justice.

Last year, all of us had great hopes that the truth will prevail, that the justice will be done on the Capitol Hill and that the House Resolution 106 would pass. And we remain hopeful. Needless to say that on many issues the world looks at the U.S. for leadership. Recognition of the Armenian Genocide by the United States will send a powerful warning signal to those who plan genocidal campaigns that the truth will prevail, that criminal actions will be named for what they are and that perpetrators will be condemned and will bear responsibility.

Today, as we pay tribute to the victims of the Armenian Genocide, as we honor the survivors, we must also remain focused on doing all we can to prevent any genocide in the future. Thank you!

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

April 2008

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POLITICS

Following the wave of recognition of Kosovo's independence by over 30 countries, NKR National Assembly welcomed it and, recalling Artsakh's own path to freedom, called on the international community to refrain from double standards and **be consistent in supporting people's right to self-determination**. (Full statement: http://nkrusa.org/news/daily_news.php?id=1330)

Editor's Note: *The de-facto independent Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, was formed in 1991 based on a declaration of its legislature and results of a subsequent popular referendum. Supported by Armenians around the world, the people of Artsakh then defended their choice in a war unleashed by Azerbaijan. NKR has emerged as a democratic and a rule of law state with capable armed forces, a growing market economy, and an independent foreign policy. Artsakh continues to work towards formal recognition of its independence.*

On March 4, an **Azerbaijani military unit attacked defense positions of Nagorno Karabakh**, wounding two Karabakh officers and seizing two military posts in the northern part of the Line of Contact near Levonarkh. After fruitless attempts to reinstate the status-quo through OSCE mediation, the NKR Defense Army launched a counter-offensive and restored its defense positions causing casualties to the adversary. This blatant violation of the 1994 Ceasefire Agreement by Azerbaijan follows President Ilham Aliyev's recent statement that his country had been buying military hardware, airplanes and ammunition and was prepared to attack Nagorno Karabakh again. (See full article at: http://nkrusa.org/news/daily_news.php?id=1300)

"In the immediate future I don't know that Nagorno-Karabakh [problem] can get solved," said U.S. Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** speaking at a congressional hearing this month. She confirmed, however, the U.S. commitment to continue working towards a negotiated settlement on Nagorno Karabakh.

NKR President Bako Sahakian met with Ilkka Kanerva, OSCE Chairman-in-Office and Finnish Minister of Foreign Affairs, to discuss the Nagorno Karabakh peace process and ceasefire monitoring. The OSCE Chairman-in-Office noted with satisfaction that "political authorities of Nagorno Karabakh supported the settlement through peaceful negotiations."

EU strongly condemned the ongoing Azeri war rhetoric. Visiting Baku, Benita Ferrero-Waldner, the EU external relations commissioner, said that Brussels firmly rejects Baku's "inflammatory" rhetoric. "It is highly important that [Azeri authorities] avoid any inflammatory speech..." (Full article: <http://www.eurasianet.org/departments/insight/articles/pp020907.shtml>)

The **Wall Street Journal** published a letter from Bryan Ardouny, Armenian Assembly's Executive Director, in response to an op-ed by the Azeri Foreign Minister. Ardouny urged Baku to end the blockade, agree to confidence-building measures and **direct contact with Nagorno-Karabakh**. (Full article: http://aaainc.org/index.php?id=7&no_cache=1&newsID=86)

An Azeri **military MiG-29 jet crashed into the Caspian Sea**, near Baku during a routine training mission, killing both pilots. Azerbaijan recently acquired this and several other jets, along with a large number of other military equipment. Azerbaijan is believed to be concealing some of its treaty-limited equipment in violation of the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty.

Samir Mamedov, an Azeri soldier who crossed to the Armenian side last December, **refused to return to Azerbaijan** fearing prosecution. Mamedov said he had been systematically mistreated

and humiliated while serving in the Azeri Army. Armenia arranged his transfer to a European country.

Etimad Ismailov, son of the Azerbaijani Member of Parliament **Ilyas Ismailov**, was arrested in Moscow and charged with a murder of an Armenian businessman.

The **20th anniversary of Nagorno Karabakh Freedom Movement** was marked in Artsakh, Armenia and around the world. The first democratic movements within the Soviet Union started on February 20 1988, when Karabakh's local legislature petitioned legislative bodies of Azerbaijan and Armenia to transfer the region from Soviet Azerbaijan to Soviet Armenia. The popular movement led to the establishment of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic. Joe Knollenberg (R-MI) and Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), the co-chairs of the US Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, issued a congratulatory letter to President Sahakian pledging continued support to Artsakh's democratic development. "The United States stood with the people of Nagorno Karabakh as they strived to free themselves from the Soviet empire of enslaved nations. We were united during those years, as we are today, by the powerful idea that **free citizens deserve to live under a government of their own choosing**, not one imposed upon them by a foreign power," the letter said.

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

The HALO Trust, a British-based NGO, continues humanitarian mine-clearance in Artsakh jointly with the NKR Government. The HALO's work in Artsakh is funded by governments of the United States, United Kingdom and the Netherlands, as well as private foundations and benefactors. The California-based Julia Burke Foundation has pledged \$1,000,000 to **help eliminate the danger of landmines** in the area. (Read more at: <http://www.halousa.org/nkchallengegrant.html>)

In 2007, an **average monthly salary in Artsakh** was about \$220 (68,400 AMD), a 21% increase compared over 2006 index. A minimal cost of living (a food basket) was worth \$111 (34,500 AMD), reported the NKR Statistics Service.

Close to **5,000 foreign visitors came to Artsakh** last year, a remarkable 33% increase from 2006. Guests from over 60 countries, including the United States, EU member-states, Russia, Australia, Cambodia and Venezuela visited Artsakh for site-seeing, vacation and business. (Tourism in Artsakh: <http://www.asbar.nk.am/main.html>)

The government plans to complete a comprehensive program on **delivering natural gas** to all rural areas of Artsakh and **improving irrigation infrastructure** by 2009.

The renowned Amaras Monastery (IV century) will undergo a major restoration. Constructed in the fourth century, Amaras is said to be the site of the first **Armenian school in Artsakh established by St. Mesrop Mashtots**, the creator of the Armenian alphabet. The architects and restoration experts pledged to preserve Amaras' historical exterior. (Read more about Amaras at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amaras_Monastery)

BOOKS

Patrick Wilson Gore, a military specialist and a NATO senior command college graduate, just published a **book focusing on the 1991-1994 Artsakh War** titled *'Tis Some Poor Fellow's Skull: Post-Soviet Warfare in the Southern Caucasus*, in which he discussed different stages of the war and political developments of the time in the South Caucasus. (Buy this book at: http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_ss_gw/105-7171416-1622832?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=%27Tis+Some+Poor+Fellow%27s+Skull%3A+Post-Soviet+Warfare+in+the+Southern+Caucasus)

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

In February 26-29, 1988, the Azeri town of Sumgait became the scene of **mass pogroms and cold-blooded killings of ethnic Armenians**. The massacre claimed dozens of innocent lives, setting a dangerous precedent which will be repeated in Baku (1990) and elsewhere in Azerbaijan. Conducted with the tacit knowledge of Soviet Azerbaijani authorities, the crime saw no comprehensive investigation. The organizers and executors remained unpunished. Commemoration events took place in Artsakh and around the world. (Incomplete list and pictures of innocent victims of Sumgait see at: <http://sumgait.info/sumgait/sumgait-eng/sumgayit-victims-eng.htm>)

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

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POLITICS

The OSCE mediators held separate talks with the Armenian and Azeri high-level delegations during the April summit of the NATO in Bucharest, Romania. In a statement, the mediators emphasized that a peaceful resolution of the conflict would require a negotiated political compromise on the final status of Nagorno Karabakh. **Azerbaijan rejected Armenia's suggestion to meet at the presidential level**, but did not exclude such a meeting in the near future.

Following Azerbaijan's recent violation of the cease-fire regime, disruptive actions at the UN and attempts to disband the OSCE Minsk Group, on April 2, NKR Parliament organized hearings to discuss the situation around the peace process. Despite Azerbaijan's aggressive moves, Foreign Minister Georgi Petrosian reaffirmed that Artsakh's **freedom and independence could not be subject to negotiations**.

NKR Parliament Speaker Ashot Ghoulian thanked Congressman Michael McNulty (D - NY) and his colleagues in the **U.S. Congress** for their **support of Artsakh's freedom**. In a letter to the congressman, Ghoulian noted that U.S. support is vital in view of Azerbaijan's failure to engage in a constructive dialogue with NKR to bring peace and stability to the region. Earlier this year Rep. McNulty spoke on the U.S. House floor about the Karabakh Liberation Movement.

In continuation of democratic reforms, NKR created a post of **ombudsman**. Yuri Hairapetian, 54, became Artsakh's first human rights defender after his candidacy was approved by parliament members. Hairapetian will leave his parliament seat to perform his new duty for six years.

NKR Representative to U.S. Vardan Barseghian said **Azerbaijan should accept the reality** and that there is no return to 1921, when Stalin gave Karabakh to Soviet Azerbaijan. He urged greater support to Artsakh's diplomatic efforts in an extensive interview with the Armenian Reporter. (<http://reporter.am/pdfs/A0405-E.pdf>, page 3, and <http://reporter.am/pdfs/A0419-E.pdf>, page 5)

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

NGOs play a critical role in the formation and **development of Artsakh's civil society**. About 80 non-governmental organizations now operate in Artsakh. They will discuss growth prospects at a local NGO forum planned next month.

Dozens of prominent Armenian and Diaspora organizations and individuals convened in Berdzor, Kashatagh (former Lachin) to discuss pressing economic, demographic and social issues of the area. "**Kashatagh region has a strategic importance** for the entire Armenian nation," said President Sahakian, who encouraged the initiative and also called for a renewed, pan-Armenian effort to develop the area.

Artsakh's economy continues to expand registering 9% growth in 2007. The Republic's **foreign trade turnover increased** by 75% compared to the previous year reaching 90 billion drams (\$277 million). Export and import grew by 60% and 80% respectively. In the public sector, monthly wages increased by 20% to 77,000 drams (\$256).

The **Agricultural Academy of Armenia** will open a branch in Stepanakert to help train qualified specialists for local agricultural industry.

A media company in Stepanakert launched a **new website dedicated to the Maragha Massacre** - one of the most tragic events in Artsakh's modern history. On April 10, 1992 Azeri forces invaded the village brutally killing and maiming 45 civilians and taking 49 villagers hostage. International human rights organizations condemned the mass murder, but no further action was taken to hold Azerbaijan accountable. (More info at: www.maragha.nk.am)

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

On April 24 the world marked **the 93rd anniversary of Armenian Genocide** committed by the **Ottoman Turkey**. The first genocide of the 20th century claimed the lives of more than **one and half million Armenians** - citizens of the Ottoman Empire. Despite a number of documented materials and recognition of the genocide by many governments and global organizations, Turkey still **denies** this tragedy. The genocide commemoration events took place all over the world including the United States capital. On April 23, 2008 the Annual Armenian Genocide Observance on Capitol Hill featured **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)** and more than a dozen of her Senate and House colleagues. (Watch video from the 2008 Capitol Hill Armenian Genocide Observance at http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=9157C1A5A3CD076E).

In his remarks, **NKR Representative to the United States Vardan Barseghian** called upon the Congress to pass the Armenian Genocide resolution (House Resolution 106) that would "send a powerful warning signal to those who plan ethnic cleansing campaigns that the truth will prevail, that criminal actions will be named for what they are and that perpetrators will be condemned and will bear responsibility."

(Read full speech of NKR Representative at: http://nkrusa.org/nk_conflict/speeches.php?id=7)

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POLITICS

Artsakh-Armenia relations were discussed in Stepanakert by presidents **Bako Sahakian and Serzh Sarkisian**. The Armenian president arrived in Artsakh to attend events marking the anniversary of **the liberation of Shushi on May 9, 1992**.

Bernard Fassier, the French Co-chair of the OSCE Minsk Group, said normalization of Armenia-Turkey relations **will help the Nagorno Karabakh conflict resolution**. Fassier also confirmed that the Madrid Principles for the Nagorno Karabakh settlement **remained** on the negotiations table.

The **Armenian Parliament** called on the executive branch to pursue a **"more proactive"** policy on the Nagorno Karabakh conflict. (More info on the issue at: http://www.parliament.am/news.php?do=view&ID=2740&cat_id=2&day=28&month=04&year=2008&lang=eng)

The new Armenian president and his Azerbaijani counterpart have agreed to their **first face-to-face meeting** to discuss the Karabakh peace process on the sidelines of the June 7 Commonwealth of Independent States' summit in Saint-Petersburg, Russia.

Breaching the ceasefire regime, Azerbaijani forces opened fire killing a soldier across the Line of Contact that separates Armenian and Azerbaijani forces. Andranik Hayrapetian, 19, was badly wounded and soon died at the hospital.

Artsakh's Defense Minister Lt-Gen. Movses Hakobyan spoke about lessons of the war, the **preparedness of Artsakh's Army** and regional security issues in an interview to Armenian mass media. (Read full interview at: http://nkrusa.org/nk_conflict/interviews.php?id=5)

Experts, politicians, diplomats and scholars from Armenia, the United States, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Iran and Russia convened in Stepanakert to participate in an **international conference** titled **"Karabakh Movement: Reality and Prospects"**. During the two-day event, they discussed recent trends in the international arena, as well as prospects for regional peace and security.

BUSINESS, ECONOMY & SOCIETY

"Nagorno Karabakh will continue developing and strengthening to ensure peace forever," said President **Bako Sahakian** in his remarks devoted to a triple holiday on May 9: **Victory of the Allies in the WWII, the 16th Anniversary of Liberation of Shushi and the NKR Defense Army Day**. Veterans received state awards for exceptional courage and patriotism.

In January-March 2008, the Nagorno Karabakh's **GDP grew by nearly 15%** compared to the same period of 2007. The largest growth has been registered in services sphere.

Stability and steady economic growth in Artsakh contribute to **raising living standards and purchasing power**. As a result, real estate prices in Stepanakert increased by over 40% reaching an average of about \$750 for a square meter. Highest prices were registered in the capital and also Shushi, while Martakert was at bottom of the list.

James Tufenkian, an Armenian-American rug maker and entrepreneur, will invest about half a million US dollars to build a modern tourist center in **Shoushi**, saying it is important to meet

increasing infrastructure demands of the historic Armenian town. Since 1999, the Tufenkian Foundation has implemented a large-scale of investment and charity programs in Armenia and Artsakh. (More at: <http://www.tufenkian.com> and <http://www.tufenkianheritage.com>)

Writers from Armenia and Artsakh convened in Stepanakert to participate in the **Assembly of Young Armenian Writers**. NKR authorities welcomed this initiative and pledged support for this Assembly to become a tradition.

The **Yerevan State University of Architecture and Construction** will open branch in Artsakh, joining a number of Armenia-based colleges that maintain divisions in Stepanakert.

A **new state agency of tourism** will be formed to boost the development of this sphere. The statistics indicates a steady growth of tourism industry in Artsakh.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

Liberation of Shushi

The liberation of Shushi on **May 9, 1992** was the **first major success** of the Armenian forces in Artsakh during the 1991-1994 war. This brilliant military victory also symbolized the rebirth of the **Armenian spirit** that resonated far beyond Artsakh, to all corners of the world. The **Artsakh Defense Forces** then swiftly established a vital land-link with Armenia proper. Fierce battles continued throughout 1992-1994, but the **Shushi Operation** made all subsequent victories possible. In May of 1994, Azerbaijan, having been forced out of most of Artsakh and adjacent territories, agreed to sign a **cease-fire agreement** with Nagorno Karabakh and Armenia, which still holds. (Read more about the historic Victory of Shushi at <http://shushi.org/en/liberation.php>)

About the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh

The de-facto independent Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, was formed in 1991 based on a declaration of its legislature and results of a subsequent popular referendum. Supported by Armenians around the world, the people of Artsakh then defended their choice in a war unleashed by Azerbaijan. NKR/Artsakh has emerged as a democratic, rule-of-law state with capable armed forces, a growing market economy, and an independent foreign policy. Artsakh continues to work towards international, formal recognition of its independence.

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Date	title	Name (first)	Name (last)	address line 1	city	state	zip	amount
12/8/2007		Takouhy	Bedrossian	3963 Saxon Ave apt.3	Bronx	NY	10463	\$10
12/11/2007		Harutun	Vaporciyan	25507 Hereford Dr.	Huntington Woods	MI	48070	\$150
12/12/2007		Heratch	Doumanian	6451 Arthur St.	Merrilville	IN	46410	\$200
12/12/2007		Lucy	Der Manuelian	10 Garfield Rd.	Belmont	MA	02478	\$10
12/15/2007		Jirair	Babikyian	31 Stony Brook Rd.	Belmont	MA	02478	\$100
12/15/2007		Robert	Dorian	155 West Hobart Gap Rd.	Livingston	NJ	07039	\$25
12/15/2007		Samuel	Hagopian	815 Sugar Creek Blvd	Sugar Land	TX	77478	\$250
12/15/2007		Mardiros	Petrossian	20 Rayburn Rd.	Belmont	MA	02478	\$100
12/15/2007		Berge	Tatian	204 North street	Stoneham	MA	02180	\$100
12/15/2007		Harout	Margossian	7206 Narrows Ave	Brooklyn	NY	11209	\$100
12/16/2007		Ara	Asadourian	112 Beekman St.	Plattsburgh	NY	12901	\$100
12/16/2007		Robert	Trimmer	15114 Durham Way E	Granger	IN	46530	\$25
12/16/2007		Zaven Ken	Darian	202 Iceland Dr.	Huntington Station	NY	11746	\$500
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12/16/2007		Helen	Sahakian	7342 Creek View	West Bloomfield	MI	48322	\$10
12/17/2007		Yeprem	Nazarian	287 Abbey Rd.	Manhasset	NY	11030	\$200
12/17/2007		Artin	Agasyan	555 North Ave. apt. 21V	Fort Lee	NJ	07024	\$30
12/17/2007		Jack	Medzorian	8 Berkshire Dr.	Winchester	MA	01890	\$100
12/17/2007		Hermine	Menakian	5 Maryann Ct.	Paramus	NJ	07652	\$100
12/18/2007		Jirair	Haratunian	2600 N. Flagler Dr. apt. 706	West Palm Beach	FL	33407	\$100
12/18/2007		Arman	Dabiri	4100 Massachusetts Ave NW	Washington	DC	20016	\$250
12/18/2007		Martin	Tourigian	336 Shadeland Ave.	Drexel Hill	PA	19026	\$25
12/19/2007		Armand	Mirjianian	9433 Washington Rd.	Morton Grove	IL	60053	\$50
12/19/2007		Nancy	Guzelian	43 Heath hill	Brookline	MA	02445	\$100
12/19/2007		Henry	Loshigian	4 Spartan Lane	Hauppauge	NY	11788	\$25
12/19/2007		Ishkhan	Babajanian	3727 Cannes Pl	Santa Rosa	CA	95403	\$100
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12/21/2007		Crown	Co. Inc	71 West 47th Street, Booth 21	New York	NY	10036	\$100
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1/2/2008	Hacob	Shirvanian	1641 Oakengate Drive	Glendale	CA	91207	\$500
1/3/2008	Berc	Araz	7213 Warrens Way	Wanaque	NJ	07465	\$100
1/7/2008	Kirakos	Vapurciyan	2679 Sunnyknoll Ave	Berkley	MI	48072	\$1,000
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1/12/2008	Marc	Yagjian	8007 Two Covers Dr.	Austin	TX	78730	\$25
1/16/2008	Karen	Bedrosian Rich	23 Washington Street	Long Branch	NJ	07740	\$150
1/28/2008	Manug	Arabian	4 Monroe St., Apt 705	Rockville	MD	20850	\$25
1/28/2008	Cafesjian Family Foundation		15 South 5th Street, Suite 900	Minneapolis	MN	55402	\$5,000
1/31/2008	Edward	Betzig	9703 Cedar Lane	Bethesda	MD	20814	\$100
2/5/2008	Joseph	Nercessian	9310 North Marion Ave	Morton Grove	IL	60053	\$50
2/9/2008	Vahan	Zahgkuni	1511 Lovell Ave	Arcadia	CA	91007	\$100
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